

ABSTRACT

In a thermal printhead (A), a common wiring portion (4)
5 is divided into a plurality of blocks (BL) arranged side by
side in a primary scanning direction, and voltage is applied
to opposite ends of each of the blocks (BL) in the primary scanning
direction. A plurality of heating resistance sections (3) are
divided into a plurality of blocks (BL') corresponding to the
10 blocks (BL) of the common wiring portion (4), and in each of
the blocks (BL'), the resistance reduces as proceeding from
opposite ends toward the center in the primary scanning direction.
Therefore, the adjustment of the resistances of the plurality
of heating resistance sections is easy, and the non-uniformity
15 in darkness of print dots is reduced, so that high-quality image
printing is possible.

(Selected Figure: Fig. 1)